



Docket No.: 50103-352

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Turguy GOKER, et al. :
Serial No.: 09/911,740 : Group Art Unit: 3654
Filed: July 25, 2001 : Examiner: Minh Chau Pham

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF MAINTAINING TENSION IN A TAPE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS:

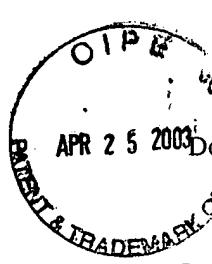
Please amend claims 1-9 and 11-20 as follows:

1. (Original) A tape drive mechanism comprising:
a hub filler coupled to a guide rail; and
means for preventing detachment of an end of tape from the hub filler during a
tape unloading operation.

2. (Original) The tape drive mechanism of claim 1, wherein the means for
preventing detachment comprises:
a guide arm coupled to the hub filler; and
a guide arm motor coupled to the guide arm.

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
 Also attached: Corrected Formal Drawings Figs. 1-3

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	19	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$84.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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